



## Civil War Preservation Trust Poster and Essay Contest

CWPT invites students in grades 4-12 to compete in our annual Poster and Essay Contest. **Why should people in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century care about the past?** You've heard from us – now it's our turn to hear from you!

The 2002/2003 motto is:

### "Deserve Their Sacrifice, Preserve Their Memory"

**Poster** entries may focus on Civil War battlefields or depict people at Park Day, involved in various clean-up activities.

They can also highlight the first part of the theme (**Deserve Their Sacrifice**) by portraying a scene from the Civil War and then the second part (**Preserve Their Memory**) by illustrating a preserved park as it is today. Each poster should clearly state this year's theme.



**Essays** can relate the importance of the Civil War, and why we are proud to preserve Civil War battlefields and continually restore and maintain these parks for future generations.

#### There are three poster contests:

**Elementary**, for students in grades 4, 5, and 6;  
**Junior**, for students in grades 7, 8, and 9; and  
**Senior**, for students in grades 10, 11, and 12.

#### There are two essay contests:

**Junior**, for students in grades 7, 8, and 9; and  
**Senior**, for students in grades 10, 11, and 12.


**Prizes:** A first, second, and third place winner will be selected for each contest. First place winners will receive \$200, second place winners will be given \$100, and third place winners will receive \$50. The History Channel has graciously donated these prizes.


First, second, and third place winners will also receive a free one-year junior membership in the CWPT. All first and second place winners will be published in *Hallowed Ground* and on the CWPT website. The top poster chosen from the poster categories will be emblazoned across the t-shirts sent to Civil War Discovery Trail sites all over the nation for Park Day 2002!




**Deadline:** Entries must be postmarked by January 31, 2003.



 **Rules:** Students may enter either the poster contest or the essay contest in their age group, but not both. Students may only submit one entry. The student's name, grade, return address, and phone number must be printed on the back of the poster or on the cover page of the essay. If a teacher is submitting materials for one or more students, each entry must be clearly labeled with all of the student's information as well as the teacher's name, school name, and school address.

 **Posters** will be judged for originality, quality of artwork, visual impact, and strength of message.

- May not be larger than 14" by 22"
- May be made with markers, crayons, paint, paper cutouts, pen and ink, or any other media that will not smear and will leave the finished poster flat and easy to handle (no chalk or charcoal, no gluing rocks or other three-dimensional items to the poster, etc.)
- May not use copyrighted materials such as comics, TV characters, professional photographs, etc.

 **Essays** will be judged for originality, persuasive quality, clarity, and strength of message.

- Must be approximately 300 words long
- Must use proper grammar and correct spelling
- Must consist primarily of the student's own words

◆ Entries will not be returned unless requested. Winning entries become the property of CWPT. Entrants will be notified of contest results early in June of 2003 via letter and *Hallowed Ground*. If you'd like earlier notification, please include your e-mail address.



### Mail Entries To:

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